

## STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATIE HOBBS GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 18, 2023

Representative Toma Speaker of the House 1700 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2379

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2379.

This legislation is unneccessary. Hotels and motels in Arizona have never been required to accept a voucher to house someone, and no proposal to do so is under consideration here.

Instead, we should focus on the real problem of housing affordability by making sure housing assistance can be used where it's intended, and that tenants do not face discrimination for using a voucher in the rental market. Let's work together to provide more housing assistance options for Arizonans facing the threat of displacement or eviction, while building enough units for lowand middle-income households to afford. All of this can happen while continuing the stability, safety, and success of our booming hospitality sector.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs Governor

State of Arizona

Cc:

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